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CCD Cold Creek Docents 818-591-1701

CMPRD City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept 310-317-1364

CNI The Children's Nature Institute 310-860-9484
CNPS California Native Plant Society 818-348-5910
CORBA Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn 818-773-3555
CRPD Conejo Recreation & Park District 805-495-2163

CSP California State Parks 818-880-0350
CWC Coastwalk California 310-394-2799
FORC Friends of Runyon Canyon 323-666-5004

LANABA County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation 213-738-2961
L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn 310-454-4279

LAAS Los Angeles Audubon Society 310-455-1401

MCD Malibu Creek Docents 818-889-6238

MLMD Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents 310-456-8432

MRCA Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority 310-858-7272

MRT Mountains Restoration Trust 818-591-1701
NOWW The Nature of Wildworks 310-455-0550
NPS National Park Service 805-370-2301

RCDSMM Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns 818-597-8627

SC Sierra Club 213-387-4287

SFVAS San Fernando Valley Audubon Society 310-457-5796
 SFVGP San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch 818-996-3606
 SMBAS Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society 310-395-6235
 SMMC Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 310-589-3200

SMMF Santa Monica Mountains Fund 805-370-2341

SMMNHA Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association 805-488-1827

SMMTC Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council 818-222-4531

SRSMMR UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve 310-206-3887

TCA Temescal Canyon Association 310-459-5931 TCD Topanga Canyon Docents 310-455-1696

TOPAW Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists 805-494-1700

TP TreePeople 818-753-4600

WODOC William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom 310-858-7272x131
WRD Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents 310-454-8212



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To find out more info on a program or event: look for the acronym (for example, CCD stands for Cold Creek Docents) at the end of the program description, then see Page 2 for the agency or organization to call.

You may also contact:

National Park Service

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 805-370-2301 www.nps.gov/samo

National Park Service Visitor Center Hours: Daily, 9am to 5pm

(closed on some holidays)

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o Kitz has been working hard on behalf of the native plants of the Santa Monica Mountains for over 30 years. She first started with efforts to protect the land and then began leading hikes to encourage the public to learn about and enjoy our mountains. While on these outings, Jo and others began to notice that many weeds were showing up where native wildflowers used to bloom. What could they do to stem the tide of weeds? Fellow California Native Plant Society member Doris Hoover simply said, "Pull them." Bud Getty, Angeles District Superintendent for California State Parks, told Jo, "You've got to start a weed war."

After seeing the success of initial efforts, Jo expanded the weed wars to include volunteers. Since the early 1970's, Jo has launched weed wars all over the Santa Monica Mountains. Jo's crew of dedicated volunteers goes out and makes each piece of ground more hospitable to our native flora by removing the non-native invaders and restoring habitat.

As Co-Executive Director of the Mountains Restoration Trust, Jo continues to work tirelessly to fulfill her dream of seeing the Santa Monica Mountains protected and preserved. Her vision for the future is "that the dang weeds will be gone and we'll see the glory and beauty of our mountains' native plants...If we raise enough stewards through our programs, perhaps we can see poppies instead of ripgut; toyon instead of scraggly old tree tobacco; blackberries and snowberries instead of periwinkle. Inch by inch, we can take the mountains back."

-Christy Brigham, NPS Restoration Ecologist

Stomming the

"As a child in Portland
Oregon...nature was my
friend and protector...
I always found happiness
when I was outside – by
a stream, under a tree,
along a trail – wherever."

"My Girl Scout badges also required that I learn a lot about trees, flowers, birds.... when I discovered that love of nature was not hereditary, I got my kids out....on hikes."

Want to help stem the tide? Look for this leaf next to a program.

Tide of Weeds



WED 7/1 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Plein Air Painting Join other artists (beginners to pros) to paint landscapes. Bring your materials. Info: Trish, 805-376-0034. 4hrs TOPAW

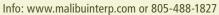
SAT 7/4

9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain
Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain the day of cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs
CORBA

California State Parks

July Schedule of Events





*Starting times may vary so check website for details.

Leo Carrillo State Park

Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays — 9 or 10am*

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you!

Meet at the Visitor Center. 1 hour

Saturdays – 7 or 8pm*

Park Ranger or Special Guest Campfire Programs
Join us for a fun and fascinating program. Bring a flashlight.
Meet at campground. 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays — 9 or 10am*
Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program at the Sycamore Canyon campground. Meet at the Mountain Lion Mural. 1 hour

Malibu Creek State Park

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays – 9 or 10am*

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you! Meet at campground. 1 hour

Saturdays – 7 or 8pm*

Park Ranger or Special Guest Campfire Programs

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Meet at campground. 1 hour

SAT 7/4

9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions
and hard work turn a dusty set
into a realistic town. Join us on
this easy-paced walk to discover
movie magic and the history of
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 7/4 7:30pm

Leo Carrillo State Park
Wild in California In this
educational and entertaining
wildlife program, meet local
raptors, mammals and reptiles.
1hr NOWW

SUN 7/5 7am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners
will enjoy discovering the ways
of the birds. Bring water and
snack. Info: 310-455-1401. 3hrs
SC/LAAS

SUN 7/5 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Savannah Restoration/
Commemorative Oaks
Weed and water young oaks
and native bunch grasses
(community service credit).
Reservations required: 818591-1701 x203 or volunteer@
treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/
CNPS/TP

SUN 7/5 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Planting in the Park

Join us this summer on a restoration field trip to Zuma Canyon. Plant native plants and restore your national parkland. Take a guided walk and learn about wildlife. Designed for community groups (15-50 people). All ages welcome. Bring a lunch and have a picnic. 2-3 hours. Free.

Call and make your reservation today!

805-370-2312 or samo ecohelpers@nps.gov

SUN 7/5

10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Hike and Craft Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk (for ages 3- 8 accompanied by parents/supervisors) then make a craft to take home. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 7/5

1pm

2pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Mommy and Me Yoga Families with children age 3-8, join
Sol and her daughters for beginning yoga combining relaxation,
stretching and fun breathing
exercises. Bring a pillow, towel
and light blanket. 1hr WODOC/
MRCA

SUN 7/5

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Crafting for Adults Join in a nature-based craft project geared toward adults and a gentle walk (families welcome but children and teens to be accompanied by parents/supervisors). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 7/7

7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 7/7 8pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Meet at the
upper parking lot. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364. \$4
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

Temescal Canyon Association

Tuesday Evening Hikes

July 7 until mid-August

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway Park. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org



TUE 7/7 8:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike On this moderately strenuous hike for all ages, look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a view of the stars and the city. Meet at lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 7/9

IU //9 /pn Temescal Gateway Park

Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at Rubell Memorial Campfire Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 7/11 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Savannah Restoration/
Commemorative Oaks Weed
and water young oaks
and native bunch grasses
(community service credit).
Reservations required: 818591-1701 x203 or volunteer@
treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/
CNPS/TP

SAT 7/11

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Exploring the Park with your
GPS Learn how to use your
GPS to find unique places in
the mountains on this easy to
moderate hike. We have a few
units to share, but you can bring
your own. Meet at the Culture
Center. 1-2hrs NPS

SAT 7/11 9:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Youth Naturalist Program
"Family Field Trip" Ages 8-12,
discover why Malibu Lagoon
is home to many living things
and why the Malibu Creek
watershed is important. Fee.
Pre-registration required: 818591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 7/11 9:30am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Artist's Paint-Out Enjoy trails
across expansive meadows
and sweeping ocean views. All
artists welcome. Facilities available. Info: allied-artists.com or
310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 7/11

9am

2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program for kids ages 8 to 88. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/11 5:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve Delight in late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 7/11 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Evening Birds and other Creatures of the Night Learn about the hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/ MRCA

Free Evening Program

Saturday, July 11 7:30pm-9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Listen to the stories and soothing flute music from *Bill "Elk Whistle" Neal*. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 7/12

8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays
All year round, a wealth of
birdlife is attracted to the many
habitats of Gillette Ranch.
Bring binoculars and join us
for a 1-mile accessible walk.
Beginning birders welcome. \$5
parking fee. Meet at the Botanic
Center. Info: 805-370-2301.
2hrs NPS

SUN 7/12 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park -Tapia Unit

Weed Wars Restore Habitat
Remove vinca and English ivy
so native grasses, plants, and
oak seedlings will again form
the understory of the riparian
corridor (community service
credit). Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-348-5910. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

Tuesdays at 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required: 310-456-8432 or 310-317-8379

REE

Sunday Concerts in The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

July 12, 3pm - 5pm

Scott Gates Band A mandolin master plus flat-pick guitar, banjo, fiddle, bass and vocal backups

This Just In A high-energy traditional bluegrass band with emphasis on three-part harmony

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service INFO: 818-382-4819 www.topangabanjofiddle.org

(see 'Free Concerts')

SUN 7/12

3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Join an experienced photographer to find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 7/14 8:30am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas
Flat from Leo Carrillo This is
an 8-mile loop, 1400' gain hike
from beach to pond with ocean
views (shorter 4-6-mile option).
Meet in parking lot with water
and lunch. If Red Flag alert,
meet below Santa Monica Pier
at 8:30am. Info: 310-457-9783.
4hrs SC

TUE 7/14

7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

WED 7/15 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Plein Air Painting Join other artists (beginners to pros) to paint landscapes. Bring your materials. Info: Trish, 805-376-0034. 4hrs TOPAW

THU 7/16

7pm

Temescal Gateway Park Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at Rubell Memorial Campfire Circle, 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 7/18 9:30am

Paramount Ranch From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch, 1hr NPS



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Wildlife in the **Mountains**

July 18 Saturday 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch

Experience the living Santa Monica Mountains through a presentation featuring live local wildlife species from the Nature of Wildworks. Mollie Hogan will share knowledge of birds, mammals, and reptiles plus how to coexist with our wild neighbors. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 7/18 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Plant Adventures Join naturalist Dennis the Bug Man and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants, 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 7/19

Malibu Creek State Park Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 7/19

7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Messages from the Animals Explore the messages animals send us in the canyon and at home (for all ages; light hiking; bring water). 2hrs WODOC/ MRCA



Classic Silent Movies

The Cameraman (1929)

starring Buster Keaton and Marceline Day and directed by Edward Sedawick.

Buster trades in his still camera for an antiquated movie camera in an attempt to gain a job with the MGM Newsreel to impress his girlfriend who works there as a secretary.

Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature. Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.

Paramount Ranch

1.5-2 hours, \$6 FFF. For more info: 805-370-2301. Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc



Discovery Nature Camp Session 2: July 20 – July 24, 2009 Monday – Friday, 9am

Headwaters Corner

Ages 8-11 will discover the wonders of nature with the aid of scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. Each session will be centered on a different theme and include a guided hike and field trip. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. Nominal fee. 6 hours.

For more info or to register:
Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x181

TUE 7/21 8:30am

Topanga State Park –
Los Liones Trailhead

Moderate Hikers/Parker
Mesa Overlook This is a
7-mile, 1500' gain hike on steep
trails from Los Liones Cyn to
an ocean overlook (shorter 4-6
mile option). Bring water and
lunch. If Red Flag alert, meet
below Santa Monica Pier @
8:30am. Info: 310-454-4188.
4hrs SC

TUE 7/21 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Culture in the Canyon: Hollywood Escapes Film critic and enthusiast, Harry Medved will take us on film location to the hot spots in the Santa Monica Mountains and share his Golden Turkey Awards insights. Book signing to follow. Meet at the Rubell Memorial Lawn. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 7/21 7:30pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

THU 7/23 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature
program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a
campfire will be provided. Meet
at Rubell Memorial Campfire
Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 7/25 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Restoration Day
Help restore native plants and
California bunch grasses. (community service credit). Reservations required: 818-591-1701
x203 or volunteer@treepeople.
org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

KIDS AND NATURE The UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve contributes to the LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine literacy program. Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the Learning Links section of the Kids Reading Room on-line page: http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/

To review previous articles:

http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html



SAT 7/25

9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this moderate walk
to discuss the complex dance
between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars
recommended. Reservations
required: 310-858-7272 x131.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 7/25 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Walking On the Razor's
Edge: A Tour of the King
Gillette Ranch What do a
razor mogul, a famous movie
director, and one of the largest
Chumash village have in common? Sharpen your knowledge
of King Gillette Ranch on a historic walking tour. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 7/25 7:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Wild in California In this
educational and entertaining
wildlife program, meet local
raptors, mammals and reptiles.
1hr NOWW

SUN 7/26 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Park Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners; adults and teens; all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 7/26 8:45am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek
Restoration Plant, water,
and weed creek-side native
vegetation (community service
credit). Bring, water, snack, and
sturdy footwear. Reservations
required: 818-591-1701 x203
or volunteer@treepeople.org.
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more. Reservation required: 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for for a one-hour tour. FEE

SUN 7/26

10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
Enjoy the views on a 2-mile
walk. Dip your toes into the
bay. Look for dolphins, sea lions
and observe the native plant
recovery after the 2007 wildfire.
2hrs CNPS

SUN 7/26 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Join us on
this short walk for children and
families (binoculars provided).
Reservations required for
groups. 1hr SMBAS

Free Evening Program

Saturday, July 25 7:30pm-9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Mati Waiya will share both contemporary and multi-generational Chumash songs and stories. All ages welcome. Bring a flashlight.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 7/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/ Hondo
Canyon-Fossil Ridge Join
us on an 8-mile 1800' gain
hike on the Backbone Trail to
Fossil Ridge (shorter 4-6 mile
option). Meet at trailhead (take
Old Topanga Rd ½ mile from
Topanga Cyn Blvd) with water
and lunch. If Red Flag alert,
meet below Santa Monica Pier
at 8:30am. Info: 818-883-4723.
4hrs SC

TUE 7/28 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting
Join an ongoing workshop of
gourd artists. Experience new
techniques and ideas. Beginners
welcome. Gourds available.
Info: Dorie, 818-702-8020 2hrs
SFVGP

TUE 7/28

7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

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THU 7/30 7pm

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at Rubell Memorial Campfire
Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. FEE. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon
Museum Docents
310-456-8432

Coming Next Month!

Southern California Field Study

Learn about the mountain, island, and coastal landscapes of southern California. Rangers will teach a Santa Monica College field course. On the two weekend camping trips, participate in on-going research projects in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Channel Islands National Park.

The course begins August 28, 2009.

FOR MORE INFO:

Susan Teel

National Park Service California Mediterranean Research Learning Center

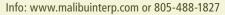
805-370-2332 Cell: 954-647-5261





California State Parks

August Schedule of Events





*Starting times may vary so check website for details.

Leo Carrillo State Park

Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays – 9 or 10am*

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Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays — 9 or 10am*

Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program at the Sycamore Canyon campground. Meet at the Mountain Lion Mural. 1 hour

Malibu Creek State Park

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Junior Rangers Kids age 7-12, have fun and learn about the park on a nature/culture program designed especially for you!
Meet at campground. 1 hour

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Meet at campground. 1 hour

SAT 8/1 8:45am

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Commemorative Oaks Weed
and water young oaks and native bunch grasses (community
service credit). Reservations
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3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 8/1

9am

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Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use
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this easy-paced walk to discover
movie magic and the history of
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 8/1 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as When a Stranger Calls, It Happened One Night, and the beginning of The Andy Griffith Show. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/1 5:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve -Lower Stunt High Trailhead First Saturday at Cold Creek Valley Preserve Savor late afternoon lights, colors and shadows in a gently rolling basin set among craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SUN 8/2

7am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners
will enjoy discovering the ways
of the birds. Bring water and
snack. Info: 310-455-1401 3hrs
SC/LAAS

SUN 8/2 8:45am

Solstice Canyon
Weed Wars Restore Habitat
At a shaded canyon with a
bubbling stream, help get rid
of weeds so wildflowers will
bloom (community service
credit). Bring water and lunch.
Reservation required: 818-3485910 or volunteer@treepeople.
org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 8/2 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Evening Program

Saturday, August 1 7pm-8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Alan Salazar-Chumash/Tataviam storyteller will share stories and songs. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 8/2 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Hike and Craft Join MRCA volunteer Lucy for a gentle walk (for ages 3- 8 accompanied by parents/supervisors) then make a craft to take home. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 8/2 1pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Mommy and Me Yoga Families with children age 3-8, join
Sol and her daughters for beginning yoga combining relaxation, stretching and fun breathing exercises. Bring a pillow, towel and light blanket. 1hr WODOC/
MRCA

SUN 8/2 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Crafting for Adults Join in a nature-based craft project geared toward adults and a gentle walk (families welcome but children and teens to be accompanied by parents/supervisors). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 8/4 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Moderate Hikers/Park Revisit For this 8-mile roundtrip,
1200' gain hike on Chaparral
and Lost Cabin Trails (shorter
4-6 mile option), meet in 2nd
fee parking lot with water and
lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet
below Santa Monica Pier at
8:30am. Info: 310-822-6848.
4hrs SC

Temescal Canyon Association

Tuesday Evening Hikes

August 4 and 11

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway Park. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org



TUE 8/4 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

WED 8/5 8pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Hike On this moderately strenuous hike for all ages, look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy a view of the stars and the city. Meet at lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

THU 8/6 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the
mountains, meadow and an
ocean overlook as the moon
lights our way. Meet at the
upper parking lot. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364.
\$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

THU 8/6 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature
program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a
campfire will be provided. Meet
at Rubell Memorial Campfire
Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 8/8 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Artist's Paint-Out Hike down
to El Matador State Beach
(on Hwy 1, west of Kanan Rd)
for stunning rock formations
and waves or stay above on
the bluff. All artists welcome.
Facilities available. Info: alliedartists.com or 310-338-0333.
3hrs AASMM

SAT 8/8 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program
"Reptiles and Amphibians"
Ages 8-12, learn the difference
between the two and also why
they are important. A guest
speaker will bring snakes,
turtles, lizards and amphibians.
Fee. Pre-registration required:
818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

SAT 8/8

King Gillette Ranch
Walking On the Razor's
Edge: A Tour of the King
Gillette Ranch What do a razor
mogul, a famous movie director,
and one of the largest Chumash
village have in common?
Sharpen your knowledge of
King Gillette Ranch on a historic
walking tour. 1.5hrs NPS

10am

SAT 8/8 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees, for they have no tongues," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program for kids ages 8 to 88. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/8 7pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Evening Birds and Other Creatures of the Night Learn about the hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/ MRCA

SUN 8/9 3pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon
Join an experienced photographer to find unique views and
photo opportunities in nature.
Reservations required: 310-8587272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Sunday Concerts in The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

August 9, 3pm - 5pm

The Brombies

Bluegrass of the masters. Bill Monroe and others.

Second Wind

"Traditional American music the bluegrass way!"

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service

INFO: 818-382-4819 www.topangabanjofiddle.org (see 'Free Concerts')



Solstice Canvon Moderate Hikers/Canyon Ramble This is a 7-mile, 2000' hike to Roberts Ranch, Deer Valley and onto high ground with ocean views (shorter 4-6 mile hike option). If Red Flag alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Bring water and lunch. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

TUE 8/11 7pm

King Gillette Ranch Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/ chair, Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge. 1.5hrs MRCA

THU 8/13

Temescal Gateway Park Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at Rubell Memorial Campfire Circle, 1.5hrs MRCA

7pm

SAT 8/15

10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Plant Adventures Join naturalist Dennis the Bug Man and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants, 3hrs WODOC/MRCA



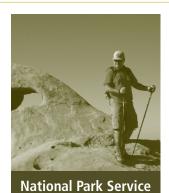
We Go ECO!

August 15, 2009 Saturday, 10am-2pm

Solstice Canyon

Hands-on, full of fun, family nature day! Stop by the education shelter to learn more about the wonders of this canyon. This program is led by students in the **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation** Area Youth Program. Play interactive games, make a craft, or join in a short discovery hike. Info: 805-370-2363, NPS





LECTURE SERIES

A Virtual Hike of the Backbone Trail

> August 15 Saturday 2pm

National Park Service Visitor Center

Photographer Jim Belsley
will take you on a
"Virtual Hike of
the Backbone Trail"
through his photos
(taken this year) and maps.
Experienced Backbone Trail
hikers will be available to
answer guestions.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301



SAT 8/15 7:30pm

Leo Carrillo State Park
Wild in California In this
educational and entertaining
wildlife program, meet local
raptors, mammals and reptiles.
1hr NOWW

SUN 8/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower
parking lot. Leaders: Muriel
310-457-5796 or Art 818-8870973. 4hrs SEVAS

SUN 8/16 6:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Music in the Mountains Bring a digeridoo, drum, flute, clapper stick or a shaker. Connect with the spirit of nature as we focus on meditative rhythms. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA





Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY

August 16

7:30pm

Classic Silent Movies

When The Clouds Roll By (1919)

starring Douglas Fairbanks and Kathleen Clifford and directed by Victor Fleming.

One of Fairbanks best and most inventive comedies.

Doug stars as a happy-go-lucky young man victimized by a sinister hypnotist who tries to drive him to self-destruction through the power of suggestion.

Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature. Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.

Paramount Ranch

1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. For more info: 805-370-2301.

Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc



Discovery Nature Camp Session 3: August 17 – August 21, 2009

Monday - Friday, 9am

Headwaters Corner

Ages 8-11 will discover the wonders of nature with the aid of scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. Each session will be centered on a different theme and include a guided hike. Pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. Nominal fee. 6 hours.

For more info or to register:
Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x181

TUE 8/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Piuma
Road On an 8-mile roundtrip,
1500' gain hike on Backbone
Trail, enjoy ocean and mountain
vistas (shorter 4-6-mile option).
Meet on shoulder of Piuma Rd
at intersection with Malibu Cyn
Rd. Bring lunch and water. If
Red Flag Alert, meet below
Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am.
Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 8/18 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 8/18

7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon: Fire
in Southern California Fire
season is around the corner.
Bring any burning questions to
this Chautauqua Series evening
with Richard Halsey. He will
share insights into the relationship between plants, animals,
and the place they call home.
1.5hrs MRCA

THU 8/20

7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature
program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a
campfire will be provided. Meet
at Rubell Memorial Campfire
Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 8/22

8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sounds and sights of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars; no dogs. Meet in parking lot below Nature Center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 8/22

9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this moderate walk
to discuss the complex dance
between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars
recommended. Reservations
required: 310-858-7272 x131.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more. Reservation required: 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for for a one-hour tour. FEE

Free Evening Program

Saturday, August 22 7pm-8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Hear stories, sing songs, and learn local area history from Chumash storyteller *Julie Tumamait-Stenslie*. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 8/22 7:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Wild in California In this
educational and entertaining
wildlife program, meet local
raptors, mammals and reptiles.
1hr NOWW

Tuesdays at 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required: 310-456-8432 or 310-317-8379

SUN 8/23 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird
Watching Experts and beginners; adults and teens; all are
welcome. Bring binoculars.
2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 8/23

8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Savannah Restoration/
Commemorative Oaks Weed
and water young oaks and native bunch grasses (community
service credit). Reservations
required: 818-591-1701 x203
or volunteer@treepeople.org.
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 8/23 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
Enjoy the views on a 2-mile
walk. Dip your toes into the
bay. Look for dolphins, sea lions
and observe the native plant
recovery after the 2007 wildfire.
2hrs CNPS

SUN 8/23

10am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Join us on
this short walk for children and
families (binoculars provided).
Reservations required for
groups. 1hr SMBAS

TUE 8/25 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
Moderate Hikers/Stunt High
Trail Enjoy an 8-mile, 1200'
gain hike on a secluded trail
(shorter 4-6 mile option). Bring
water and lunch. If Red Flag
alert, meet below Santa Monica
Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-8398235. 4hrs SC

TUE 8/25 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting
Join an ongoing workshop of
gourd artists. Experience new
techniques and ideas. Beginners
welcome. Gourds available.
Info: Dorie, 818-702-8020 2hrs
SEVGP

TUE 8/25 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Family Fun Night Join naturalists for songs, stories, and a nature program. Bring a blanket/chair. Marshmallows, skewers, and weather permitting, a campfire will be provided. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge.

1.5hrs MRCA

THU 8/27 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Family Fun Night Enjoy storytelling, songs, and a nature
program. Marshmallows, skewers, and, weather permitting, a
campfire will be provided. Meet
at Rubell Memorial Campfire
Circle. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 8/29

8:45am Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Habitat Restoration Day Help restore oak and willow woodlands by removing weeds and watering (community service credit). Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 8/29

9am

8am

Castro Crest **Exploring the Park with your GPS** Learn how to use your GPS to find unique places in the mountains on this easy to moderate hike. We have a few units to share, but you can bring your own. 1-2hrs NPS

SUN 8/30

King Gillette Ranch Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats of Gillette Ranch. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$5 parking fee. Meet at the Botanic Center, Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 8/30 8:45am

Topanga State Park **Lower Topanga Creek** Restoration Plant, water, and weed creek-side native vegetation (community service credit). Bring, water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

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www.twitter.com/ **SantaMonicaMtns**

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TUE 9/1

8:30am

Castro Crest
Moderate Hikers/ Santa
Ynez Cyn to Eagle Rock On
an 8-mile loop, 1500' gain hike,
enjoy shade along Santa Ynez
Cyn Trail and panoramic views
from ridges (shorter 4-6-mile
option). Bring water and lunch.
Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

FRI 9/4

7pm

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mountains, meadow and an
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lights our way. Meet at the
upper parking lot. Reservations
required: 310-317-1364.
\$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 9/5

8:30am

Solstice Canyon
Escondido Falls Hike This is a 7-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike (optional 4-mile, 300' gain hike). Visit the recently burned canyon. Enjoy ocean views at Deer Valley. Can also visit Escondido Canyon Natural Area by driving 2 miles to Winding Way. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Red Flag Alert cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 4hrs SC



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SAT 9/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa
Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info
or to receive a current schedule:
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain
Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain the day of cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 9/5 9:30am

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Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Crafting for Adults Join in a nature-based craft project geared toward adults and a gentle walk (families welcome but children and teens to be accompanied by parents/supervisors). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 9/8 9am

Point Mugu State Park – Ray Miller Trailhead Moderate Hikers/Sycamore Cyn to La Jolla Valley This is a 9-mile, 1000' gain hike from Sycamore Canyon via Backbone Trail to La Jolla Valley (shorter 4-6 mile options). Meet at La Jolla Cyn Trailhead. Car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-822-6848. 3hrs SC

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, September 6

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Cecelia Begay will be conducting a leather-work and rings workshop. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 9/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa
Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info
or to receive a current schedule:
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/12



Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Savannah Restoration/
Commemorative Oaks Weed
and water young oaks and native bunch grasses (community
service credit). Reservations
required: 818-591-1701 x203
or volunteer@treepeople.org.
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 9/12 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program
"Mammals" The guest speaker
will bring live mammals. Learn
more about the mammals of
Santa Monica Mountains on
a hike. Fee. Pre-registration
required: 818-591-1701 x181.
3hrs MRT

SAT 9/12 9:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Artist's Paint-Out From the lagoon, enjoy views of waterfowl and marsh reeds. The mountains, lagoon, and Santa Monica Pier can be seen from the beach. Join us for a potluck lunch. Facilities available. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-338-0333. 3hrs AASMM

SAT 9/12 2pm

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SAT 9/12

6pm

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SUN 9/13 8am

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Beginning birders welcome. \$5
parking fee. Meet at the Botanic
Center. Info: 805-370-2301.
2hrs NPS

Untitled by Lilian Darling Holt,
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2008 Winner

— 3rd Place, Animals Category

Spirit of the Mountains



Start gathering your photos for the Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest! Submissions accepted from October 1 through October 31. Check website for 2009 category information.

Help celebrate 30 years of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This year's challenge category is **Memories of the Mountains**—share special memories of the Santa Monica Mountains in family or historic photos.

Info: National Park Service at 805-370-2301 or www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo

Sunday Concerts in The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

September 13, 3pm - 5pm

Performers to be announced.

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival. Inc. and the National Park Service

INFO: 818-382-4819 www.topangabaniofiddle.org (see 'Free Concerts')

SUN 9/13 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains Weed Wars Restore Habitat Call for location (community service credit). Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 9/13 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon Join an experienced photographer to find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 9/13

Franklin Canyon Ranch Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness and connect with the spirit of Franklin Canyon on peaceful guided meditations. Bring water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

6pm

TUE 9/15

7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park **Culture in the Canyon:**

What's Bugging You Insects are some of the most adaptable and ingenious creatures on earth. Brent Kramer, entomologist from the Natural History Museum, is our go-to guy and will share his collection of specimens. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 9/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/19 8:45am

Topanga State Park **Lower Topanga Creek** Restoration Plant, water, and weed creek-side native vegetation (community service credit). Bring, water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

Topanga Canyon Docents 35th Annual

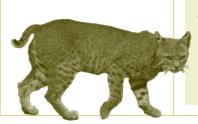
Docent Training Topanga State Park

September 26, 2009 Saturday, 9:30am

Become a docent. Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others.

This is the first of 10 sessions to be held on Saturdays and will cover many topics including plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and Native Americans. FEE. 6 hours each class.

Reservations required: 310-455-2558







YOUR SPIRIT WILL SOAR HELPING KIDS LEARN ABOUT NATURE!

Seven Monday morning training sessions beginning **September 28, 2009**.

Lead nature walks with small groups of elementary students at beautiful UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve in Calabasas.

Learn about the cultural and natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains, interpretive techniques and more. Enjoy our special workshop to make Native artifacts to illustrate Native ways.

Info: 818-591-9363

SAT 9/19 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions
and hard work turn a dusty set
into a realistic town. Join us on
this easy-paced walk to discover
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Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 9/19 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Plant Adventures Join naturalist Dennis the Bug Man and get up close with insects. Examine their interrelationships with plants. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 9/19 6pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Autumn Equinox Hike Join
docent Michael for a moderate
hike to discuss what makes seasons change, identify planets
and constellations, and listen
to the sounds of nightfall. 2hrs
WODOC/MRCA

SUN 9/20 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds
in unspoiled habitats. Bring
binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower
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Creek-side Habitat Restoration Help restore native plants and California bunch grasses (community service credit).
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9am

SUN 9/20

NPS

Paramount Ranch
Exploring the Park with your
GPS Learn how to use your
GPS to find unique places in
the mountains on this easy to
moderate hike. We have a few
units to share, but you can bring
your own. Meet at kiosk. 1-2hrs

SUN 9/20 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve Preserve's Lower Gate
This is Los Angeles???
Meander along a stream-fed
canyon filled with majestic oaks
and sycamores while listening
to nature's many voices. 2.5hrs
CCD

TUE 9/22 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Bienveneda-Leacock Trail to Will Rogers Join an 8-mile round trip,
1600' gain hike to Temescal
Canyon and Will Rogers State
Park (shorter 4-6-mile option).
Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave
(0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn
Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north
on Bienveneda and park on
street). Bring water and lunch.
If Red Flag alert, meet below
Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am.
Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

Tuesdays at 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required: 310-456-8432 or 310-317-8379

National Public Lands Day



Join us on **September 26**, **2009** for the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. This is the 16th annual National Public Lands Day.

Info: 805-370-2301

TUE 9/22

7pm

Headwaters Corner Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie, 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 9/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails throughout the Santa
Monica Mountains. No experience necessary. For more info
or to receive a current schedule:
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/26

9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this moderate walk
to discuss the complex dance
between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars
recommended. Reservations
required: 310-858-7272 x131.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 9/27

8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Park Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners; adults and teens; all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 9/27 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Join us on
this short walk for children and
families (binoculars provided).
Reservations required for
groups. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 9/27

10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea
Enjoy the views on a 2-mile
walk. Dip your toes into the
bay. Look for dolphins, sea lions
and observe the native plant
recovery after the 2007 wildfire.
2hrs CNPS

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, September 27

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Make your own dream-catcher using recycled materials with *Proud Eagle*. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Hiking & Safety Tips



Almost There by Carol LaCorte, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2008 Winner – 2nd Place, People in Parklands Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Schoduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Regularly scheduled naturalis walks and group programs by reservation. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- *Arroyo Sequit 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 Caballero Canyon Ventura Fwy (101)
 Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
 Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past
 the fountains on left side.
 Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland
 Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of
 Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 California State Parks
 Headquarters Ventura Fwy (101) to Las
 Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes
 Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic
 light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the
 intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific
 Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to
 Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 *Castro Crest Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 Charmlee Wilderness Park
 Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of
 Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal
 Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the
 left side of road.
- 6 *Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- *Circle X Ranch Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
 Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
 Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.

- 8 Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt
 Ranch Reserve Area Ventura Fwy
 (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to
 Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile.
 At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for
 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
 Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on
 Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
 Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt
 Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit
 required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's
 Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles
 to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in
 visitation.
 - **Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 Coldwater Canyon Park Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr/Upper Franklin Canyon: From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cvn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cvn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to Franklin Canyon Ranch: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.) Franklin Canyon Ranch/Lower Franklin Canyon: From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canvon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to Upper Franklin Canyon: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

- 11 Headwaters Corner Ventura Fwy (101)
 Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on
 Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on
 Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on
 Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on
 right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway. Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park Ventura
 Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles
 south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy
 intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is
 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las
 Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north
 on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
 Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of
 entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
 Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan
 Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on
 Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles
 to parking area on left (just past Mulholland
 Hwy).

Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

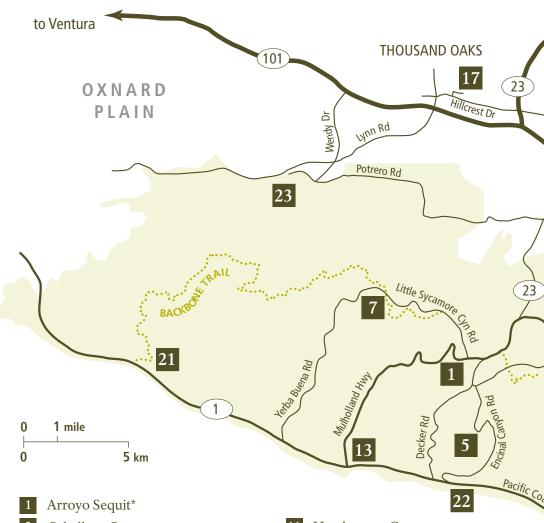
16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.

Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

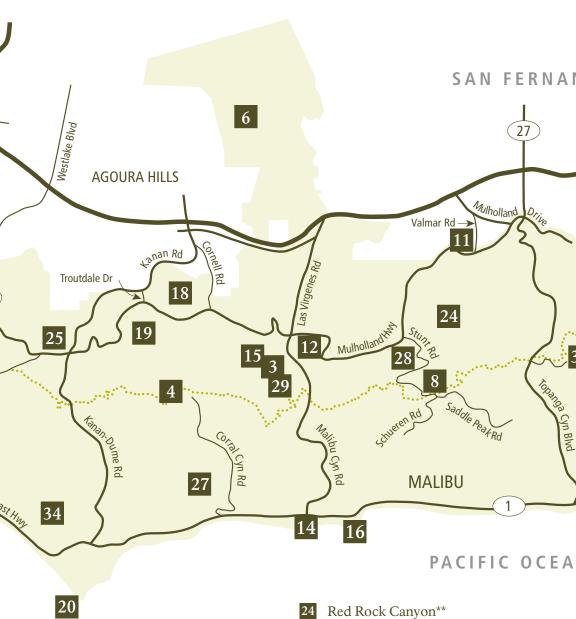
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor
 Center/Headquarters for Santa
 Monica Mountains National
 Recreation Area 401 West Hillcrest Dr,
 Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn
 Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on
 Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into
 first driveway on your right. Follow road to
 the end. The visitor center is located in first
 building nearest road.
- *Paramount Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
- 23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
 Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South
 on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park
 entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building. Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.



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- 28 Stunt Ranch Reserve
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- *Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
- **Site map available at www.lamountains.com

- 24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.
- 25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.
- 26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canvon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.
- 27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canvon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.
- Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.
- Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.
- 28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.
- 29 Tapia Park See #15.
- 30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.
- 31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Liones Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Liones Dr. Follow road to the end.

- 32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- 33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Pl. Turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Dr. Turn left on Bonsall Dr. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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